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Bluesfest. Heat

▶ Carlos Santana gets the crowd jumping.

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Supernatural Santana smokin'

Santana performed for a crowd of thousands at Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest at Lebreton Flats Park last night, demonstrating guitar prowess and hot Latin rhythms. Formed in the 1960s, the award-winning band made a name for itself after Woodstock. More photos at metronews.ca/local

Typhoon lashes Philippines

Storm leaves dead and missing in its furious wake {page 7}

Is Big Brother dating you?

Technology has made dating as fun as ordering pizza {page 13}

G20 'most wanted' list released

Police hope to have weekly updates and whittle down list of 60 still wanted for violence Public urged to submit images of criminal acts enacted during summit

A man angrily staring directly at the camera, his face partially covered with a black bandana as he swings a bag of rocks high above his head, was one of the images Toronto police made public yesterday as part of their G20 "most wanted" list.

Police are combing through thousands of images and videos they have received from the public and are sifting through a Black Bloc database from Montreal to root out those responsible for G20 violence and vandalism.

With the release yesterday of their 10 "most wanted" list, police were aiming to build on their success from a similar release of photographs last week.

After the series of six images was released last week, three people were identified overnight and one is now in custody and facing charges, Det.-Sgt. Gary Giroux said yesterday.

Standing by poster boards displaying photographs of 10 people apparently in the midst of G20-related destruction and violence, Giroux said once those people are identified, police will try to find them, arrest them and charge them.

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Seeking identification

Det. Sgt. Gary Giroux speaks to media during a news conference in Toronto.

- **Outside help** Det. Sgt. Giroux said he will seek co-operation from other provinces or foreign countries if investigations find out that some of the suspects are from those places.
- **Accusations** In a statement late yesterday, the Toronto Community Mobilization Network noted they are calling for images and videos showing alleged police brutality during riots.

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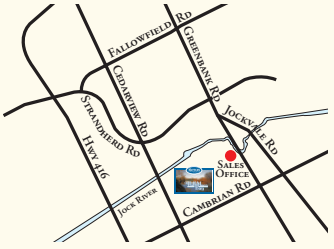

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March honours Dutch liberation

Prestigious event will see participants head 160 kilometres through the Dutch countryside

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This time next week, Canadian Forces members from Ottawa will be among those covering the same terrain where many of their forefathers fell during the Second World War.

About 70 men and women from Ottawa and area prepared for their departure to the Nijmegen Marches — a four-day march in the Netherlands to commemorate the contribution of Canadian soldiers in the liberation of the Netherlands — yesterday.

Two months ago, the Canadian War Museum was honoured by the royal visit of Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, said Mark O'Neill, director general of the Canadian War Museum.

"She came here to mark the 65th anniversary of her country's liberation from Nazi occupation, a liberation led by Canadian soldiers. Her visit was a tribute to those brave Canadians and a reminder of the special and lasting bond that was forged between our two countries."

These marches are a training vehicle to develop individual strength and stamina, said Brigadier-General John Madower, assistant chief of military personnel of the Canadian Forces. "But most importantly, the Nijmegen Marches reconnect us with ... the Netherlands and reaffirms the special bond between our two nations."

Nijmegen

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▶ Brig.-Gen. John Madower

Led by Brigadier-General John Madower, this year's contingent is comprised of 189 marchers.

- **Origins** The Nijmegen Marches originated in 1909 with Dutch military efforts to increase the long-distance marching and weight-carrying ability of infantry soldiers.
- **Big event** It has since evolved into an international event drawing over 45,000 civilian and military participants from over 50 nations and over a million spectators.
- **Canadian content** Each year, approximately 80 per cent of the Canadian contingent of marchers in Nijmegen are first time marchers.

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▶ Erik Boer, with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, examines part of the Canadian contingent of the Nijmegen marchers. He said the marches "have taken on legendary proportions in our country."

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News in brief

Celebrating Chopin

MUSIC. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederic Chopin, Canadian pianist Alexander Tselyakov, above, will be performing the complete Chopin études at a concert at the Dominion-Chalmers United Church on July 25.

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Investigation into stabbing

CRIME. Police are investigating after a man suffered stab wounds to the chest and abdomen yesterday. At 3:36 p.m., paramedics responded to a call at 1275 Shillington Ave., where they found a 21-year-old male with stab wounds. He is in serious condition in hospital.

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Message sent over recycling

CITY HALL. Council has voted to urge the minister of the environment to implement policies designed to boost recycling rates for waste created by the institutional, commercial and industrial sectors before deciding whether or not the province needs new landfills.

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Global gig for Ottawan

BUSINESS. Donald Timmins, a partner with accounting firm Welch LLP, has been appointed the worldwide chair of BKR International, a global association of accounting and advisory firms.

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Recent quake was our strongest shake

Epicentre was 60 kilometres north of Capital Region

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▶ Dr. John Adams presented seismological aspects of the June 23 earthquake at uOttawa yesterday.

Just over two weeks ago, there was strong shaking, the strongest Ottawa has ever experienced, a seismologist said yesterday.

"Here's the bottom line. The bad news is that this is the strongest shaking in Ottawa's history, and this goes back about 200 years," said Dr. John Adams in a public presentation at uOttawa yesterday.

The good news that current design provisions protect against quakes of that magnitude.

Showing a chart, he said buildings in Ottawa "would have had to be shaken about 10 times stronger in order to get to significant ... damage," he said.

"We would have seen more damage if that earthquake had gotten bigger and bigger, but modern buildings are designed for a very high level of protection," he said.

The earthquake was felt by an estimated 19 million people, as far away as Washington, D.C. and Kentucky.

Quake facts

On June 23, a magnitude 5.0 earthquake shook Ottawa, eastern Ontario and western Quebec.

- Fortunately, it did not cause much structural damage within the city, but it did result in non-structural damage in addition to the interruption of various services, said uOttawa earthquake experts and professors Murat Saatcioglu.
- Near the centre of the quake, it caused a bridge collapse just south of Valdes-Bois. A second bridge, a heritage church, a restaurant and a hotel also sustained significant damage.
- When the quake occurred, it took about six seconds for Ottawa to feel it, he said.

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- **7,660,000 KGs** of oil filters
- **401,000 KGs** of batteries
- **144,000 KGs** of non-refillable pressurized containers
- **58,000 KGs** of fertilizer
- **1,945,679 litres** of antifreeze

Thinking beyond the box
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Bus bay removal to get review

Cost of eliminating lane space can run from $20,000 to $25,000

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The era of bus bays in Ottawa may not be over yet.

Yesterday, city council voted to review a previous policy that called for the gradual elimination of the extra lanes on the side of the road for buses to pull over to let passengers on and off.

The decision to remove the bays was made because buses tended to get stuck in the side lanes in heavy traffic, which threw off their schedules.

Stittsville Coun. Shad Qadri argued that problem exists without the bus bays.

Having buses frequently stopping and holding up hundreds of cars behind them is not an environmentally friendly scenario, said Knoxdale Merivale Coun. Gord Hunter, who opposed their elimination when the policy was first implemented.

Qadri proposed the motion to review the policy and have no further bays eliminated until a report is delivered to the transit committee.

"There had to be a reason for these bus bays to be there in the first place. Now all of a sudden, because of a policy 12 years ago, we said let's take them out."
SHAD QADRI, STITTSVILLE COUNCILLOR

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▶ A bus bay on Slater Street.

Beach. Hot time

▶ Brandon Green and Cassandra McKewen work out before hitting the beach at Mooney's Bay yesterday afternoon.

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Summer heat settles in

Mooney's Bay has only been closed once this summer due to high E. coli levels. Beaches will likely be crowded again this weekend as temperatures stay around 30 C all week.

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Backroom guy planning jump into spotlight

Maguire plans to officially launch campaign in August Says current light-rail plan is too expensive

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▶ Mayoral candidate Mike Maguire plans to run what he calls "a classic dark horse campaign."

Mayoral candidate Mike Maguire may not be well known to voters in Ottawa, but he is well known to many other candidates.

He's been a behind-the-scenes guy for nearly 30 years, with experience creating strategies for more than 20 election campaigns at every level of government from school board to federal.

In fact, he wrote significant pieces of policy for Mayor Larry O'Brien's last campaign, but he's disappointed with the performance of city council and thinks he can do a better job.

Maguire said city council needs to be focusing on lowering taxes as a goal, by prioritizing and cutting services.

"Nobody has any more money to donate to any level of government," he said. "If you ask anyone if they can afford to pay an extra 10 per cent, they'll say it's out of the question."

He would also cancel the downtown transit tunnel and replace it with surface rail using existing rail line.

The real congestion problems in Ottawa are on arterial routes and the Queensway out to Kanata and Orleans, he said. The Tunneys-to-Blair line will not address that problem.

"This multibillion-dollar downtown Ottawa tunnel — it's astonishing how out of touch with reality that plan is," said Maguire.

Park. Exercise

▶ Scorching weather makes for a tough workout.

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Heat wave far from over

Bytown Storm Triathlon Team members Matt Vierula, front, and Joanna Brown work out under the blistering hot sun in Mooney's Bay Park yesterday afternoon. According to Environment Canada, temperatures are expected to stay up in the 30s for the rest of the week.

City won't be seeking LRT land handout from feds

The city will not be asking the federal government to hand over land needed for the light-rail project for one dollar.

Citing the precedent of land being leased to Queensway Carleton Hospital for a loonie, Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans wanted to make a similar arrangement for federal land needed to build the city's light-rail line.

But having only recently received a funding commitment of $600 million from the federal government, it was not the right time to make such a demand, said Somerset Coun. Diane Holmes.

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Storm lashes capital, experts tongue-lashed

Philippines president scolds weathermen for failing to predict storm ◐ At least 26 people killed

The first typhoon to lash the Philippines this year earned the weathermen a tongue-lashing.

Newly elected President Benigno Aquino III scolded the weather bureau for failing to predict that the storm would hit Manila, the capital.

"This is unacceptable," Aquino told officials. He noted that government agencies were relying on the weather bureau for their preparations.

"I hope this is the last time we are all brought to areas different from where we should be."

Weather bureau chief Prisco Nilo explained it takes forecasters six hours to update weather bulletins.

The weather bureau has complained of lack of funding and equipment.

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Weather's fury

The Philippines is hit by about 20 typhoons and storms a year. This time, devastation was widespread.

- **The toll:** At least 26 people were killed, authorities said. About 40 were missing.
- **At sea:** Four fishermen drowned and 18 were rescued as waves hit their boats.
- **On land:** Several people were killed by falling debris. One man died trying to save a dozen pigs.

63 Manila airport officials said 63 flights, including four international ones had been cancelled and nine diverted.

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▶ A mother pushes a tricycle with her children on board after their home collapsed east of Manila.

Newcomers face high drowning risk: Study

Newcomers to Canada have a higher risk of drowning in boating and swimming mishaps than those born in the country, a study has found.

The study, from the Lifesaving Society, focused on newcomers from China, South Asia and Southeast Asia, and found people in Canada for less than five years are at highest risk of drowning.

Even though 20 per cent of immigrants said they cannot swim, 79 per cent said they planned to spend time around or on the water this summer.

They could be putting themselves at risk by making those plans, as a third of the respondents who weren't born in Canada are afraid of water and half worry their kids could drown, said Lifesaving Society spokesperson Barbara Byers.

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▶ Many immigrants go to Ashbridges Bay in Toronto.

Immigrants may come from landlocked countries or may have had little water safety training, so they could be unaware of how dangerous water can be, Byers said.

"They want to do what everybody else is doing, and they just don't realize that you need to have some training and some lessons," Byers added.

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Deadly waters

- The study looked at responses from 1032 Canadians, including 599 newcomers. The results from the immigrant respondents are accurate within 3.94 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
- Nearly 500 people drown each year in Canada, say statistics compiled by the Lifesaving Society.

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Obama, Hitler and Lenin? It's just not their cup of tea

Billboard lands anti-tax tea party group in hot water ◆ 'We got it covered up first thing'

A conservative group yesterday replaced a billboard comparing U.S. President Barack Obama to Adolf Hitler and Vladimir Lenin, calling the sign a bad decision that reflected poorly on the organization.

Workers papered over the sign in downtown Mason City, Iowa, at the request of an anti-tax tea party group.

"We got it covered up first thing this morning," said Kent Beatty, general manager of the company that owns the billboard.

The 200-member tea party group had the original sign put up last week.

It showed photographs of Obama, Nazi leader Hitler and communist leader Lenin beneath the labels "Democrat Socialism," "National Socialism," and "Marxist Socialism."

After the billboard drew sharp criticism by other state and national tea party leaders, members of the local group sought the change.

North Iowa Tea Party co-founder Bob Johnson said he and other leaders agreed with critics that the image of Obama between Hitler and Lenin was offensive.

He said the images overwhelmed the intended message of anti-socialism.

"They are absolutely right in their criticism because the image of Hitler just totally wiped everything else and it misrepresents the tea party movement," Johnson said.

"They were right … the image was not a positive reflection on the tea people."

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▶ This billboard showing Adolf Hitler, Barack Obama and Vladimir Lenin caused a stir.

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Come this fall, some Canadians will finally have the option of getting a flu shot without the shot part.

Pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca said yesterday it has received Health Canada's approval to bring its nasal spray vaccine, FluMist, to the Canadian market.

The product has been on the U.S. market since 2003.

FluMist is delivered to the immune system by squirting a fine mist into a a person's nostril.

AstraZeneca Canada intends to have it in Canadian pharmacies this fall and is in talks with provinces and territories, said Marc Zarenda, scientific director for oncology and infection.

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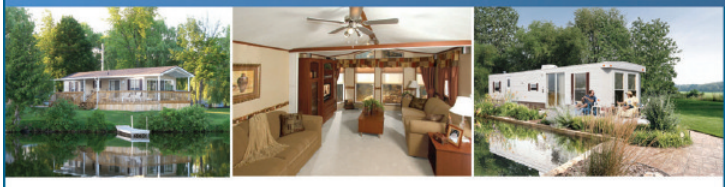

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So here I go looking into the options I have to share the cottage experiences I had with my children. What are the options and how can I afford them?

As I looked into cottages I found it was quite simple to find something to rent but what about ownership? The thought of being able to escape after a long week at work would be great. What I found is that cottages can be very expensive. My grandfather had told me the story of how each of his three brothers chipped in five thousand and they got a little place with an out house on Chandos Lake up near Apsley, Ontario. All I could find for twenty grand nowadays was a pop-up tent trailer that we would need to tow around to campgrounds. Camping wasn't going to be an option anyway as my wife's idea of roughing it was a hotel without room service. Although RV parks seemed like a good option, activities for the kids, secure in the off season, I just couldn't get the picture of trailer park boys out of my head.

The cottages I liked seemed to cost as much as my home if not more. The more I thought about cottage ownership the more I realized it would mean two houses to maintain and the whole idea was to get away from cutting grass and fixing things so I could spend more time with my children and simply relaxing. I could afford a "Fractional Ownership" type cottage with maintenance fees. I could justify the fees as they do all the work, but one hundred thousand for something I could only use for 4 or 5 weeks wasn't the answer either, besides we can only play so many games of crazy eights before the kids would get bored.

Then I found an alternative, it's not a four hundred thousand dollar cottage on the lake but it's not a little trailer in a campground either. They call them "Resort Cottages" or "Park Model Homes". Just imagine a small cottage beautifully decorated for only $59,900 to $129,900 and if I wanted to start in something a bit smaller I could get into a perfectly comfortable vacation home for only $39,900.

It turns out that RV's (recreational vehicles) come in all shapes and sizes. The models come in one, two and three bedroom floor plans that sleep up to eight comfortably and come fully furnished. You can own one in a resort that has converted itself from a trailer park to a Park Model Resort. They are up scale properties that usually have plenty of activities for everyone from heated pools and kids clubs to recreation halls where they host events like wine and cheese parties or themed dances.

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▶ A billboard in Seattle urges would-be visitors to "rethink" planning a trip to Alberta.

Anti-oilsands activists launch new campaign

◐ Ads target tourism industry ◐ Campaign follows Alberta government's full-page ad in Washington Post

Alberta is famous worldwide for its stunning mountain vistas and wide open spaces, but a U.S. environmental group wants oil-soaked birds to be the image that sticks out in tourists' minds.

San Francisco-based Corporate Ethics International launched a new ad campaign yesterday that urges would-be visitors to "rethink" planning a trip to Alberta.

"Alberta is spending millions to brand itself as an environmentally friendly destination for tourists when, in fact, we think it's the most environmentally unfriendly place in North America because of the tarsands," said executive director Michael Marx.

Billboards are going up in Seattle, Portland, Denver and Minneapolis. The campaign will expand to the United Kingdom in two weeks.

The street-level signs read "Alberta: the Other Oil Disaster" above two, side-by-side images of oil-coated birds. One picture is labelled "Gulf Oil Spill Disaster" and the other has the caption "Alberta Tar Sands Oil Disaster."

"Thinking of visiting Alberta, Canada? Think again," the ad continues.

Campaigns to block TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would link Alberta crude to Texas refineries, are also intensifying, with prominent congressman Henry Waxman and 50 other legislators voicing opposition to the project.

Alberta Energy Minister Ron Liepert said the province will continue to push its side of the story south of the border: that the oilsands represent a vast and secure resource that can be developed sustainably.

"From what I've managed to determine, most Americans want security of supply, they want their sources to be developed in a responsible way and as long as that's happening they're satisfied," he told reporters yesterday.

"There's always going to be individuals or organizations who want to rid the world of fossil-fuel reliance, and let's be clear — that is what's behind most of these campaigns. That's simply not going to happen."

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How damaging?

"Rethink Alberta" campaign may affect tourism, but only slightly.

- Dr. Joe Pavelka, co-ordinator of the Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership Program at Mount Royal University, said "a sustained campaign like this one could be very damaging."
- "A smaller segment of the population makes travel choices based on life politics and will be affected by this advertising. A larger segment — all they're looking for is a real deal in terms of travel," he added.

BRETTE EHALT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Man admits to murder

A 90-year-old man admitted in court yesterday that he beat his wife of nearly 68 years to death with a hammer during an argument but offered no explanation as to why he struck her.

Seated in a wheelchair, John Bunz pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter as part of a plea bargain in state Supreme Court in Buffalo. He had been charged with second-degree murder.

Bunz killed 89-year-old Virginia Bunz on March 21 in the retirement village apartment they shared in the Buffalo suburb of Amherst, authorities said.

After his arrest, Bunz told police the two had been arguing "and I took a hammer to her," court documents show.

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Robots to patrol DMZ

The South Korean Army has deployed armed-to-kill sentry robots to guard the southern side of the Demilitarized Zone with North Korea, the South Korean news agency reports.

Yonhap quotes the army as saying the robots, with built-in machine gun and grenade launcher, can "detect, warn and provide suppressive fire against intruders."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Think about eco fee listing: Gerretsen

- One large retailer ended up overcharging customers
- Stewardship Ontario warned about info availability

Ontario retailers should consider listing the new eco fees on price tags and shelf labels to improve a program that's caught many frustrated consumers by surprise, Environment Minister John Gerretsen said yesterday.

"That may be an excellent idea," Gerretsen said in an interview with The Canadian Press. "That's certainly worth looking at."

It's all about making the new fees more transparent, he said, which have been mired in controversy since retailers began to apply them to a wider array of consumer products July 1.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO

▶ John Gerretsen

The money goes to a recycling program that diverts potentially hazardous items, such as fire extinguishers, household cleaners and paint, from Ontario's landfills.

But there was no public warning that the eco fee, which was first introduced in 2008, would be slapped on thousands of new items. Stewardship Ontario, an industry-led organization that oversees the program, collects certain fees from retailers and manufacturers. They, in turn, determine the fees that they pass on to consumers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

France. Bastille

▶ Republican Guard soldiers stand at the start of Bastille Day parade in Paris yesterday. Soldiers from 13 African countries celebrating five decades of independence also marched down the Champs-Elysees ahead of French troops.

LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Austerity measures on July 14

A traditional Bastille Day event, the lavish garden party at the presidential palace, was cancelled as France's government — like those around Europe — tries to rein in runaway debt. Skipping the party saved about $992,000 US, government spokesman Luc Chatel said.

Ship made contact: Official

An Egyptian official says the Libyan ship carrying aid for Gaza established contact and asked permission to dock at el-Arish. Port authority director Gamal Abdel Maqsoud says the Almathea radioed officials. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

14 killed in desert road crash

Algeria's official news service says 14 people have been killed in a road crash in the North African desert. The APS agency says 11 people were injured. It occurred late Tuesday or early yesterday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Station claims tape of suspect

The Al-Arabiya television station says it has video of Faisal Shahzad, the failed Times Square car bomb suspect, meeting with Pakistani Taliban leaders along the Afghanistan border. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Alcohol. Tea

▶Will Savitri makes a fermented tea.

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I'll just have some tea

Regulators in Massachusetts are concerned that Bliss-Berry fermented tea may need to be regulated as an alcoholic drink. Some bottles have more than 0.5 per cent alcohol.

Insolvency down by 10.1%

Canada's bankruptcy office says there were nearly 13,000 insolvencies reported by individuals and businesses in April, down 10.1 per cent from a year earlier.

The number of insolvencies, which includes bankruptcies and proposals for settling debt under duress, was also down 2.5 per cent from March.

The bankruptcy office says businesses have fared particularly well with a 13.2 per cent decrease in insolvencies over April 2009. There was a small increase in insolvencies from March, however, of 5.1 per cent.

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Double-dip recession still a long shot

Economic growth slowing ◗ Think-tank sees long period of slowdown ◗ Rates still expected to go up

The Canadian economy's rocket-like recovery is burning out, falling back into a prolonged period of more modest growth and job creation, a new forecast from the Conference Board predicts.

After annualized growth rates of 4.9 per cent and 6.1 per cent in the last three months of 2009 and first three of 2010, the economy is expected to slow significantly in the second half of this year and into 2011.

"It's not a double-dip recession, it's growth not as strong as in the past," says economist Pedro Antunes, director of forecasting for the Conference Board.

2.9%

The Conference Board says growth will slow to 3.6 per cent when the second quarter results are in, then to 3.3 per cent in the third quarter and finally to 2.9 per cent in the final quarter of 2010.

For the year, the think-tank expects growth to average 3.6 per cent in 2010 and 2.9 per cent in 2011.

Many expect the Bank of Canada to temper its own expectations about the Canadian economy next week, but not so much to dissuade governor Mark Carney from taking interest rates up a quarter-point to 0.75 per cent.

The Conference Board says Canadians should also expect job creation to slow, although it believes the unemployment rate will continue to decline if more slowly from the current 7.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent by the end of 2010.

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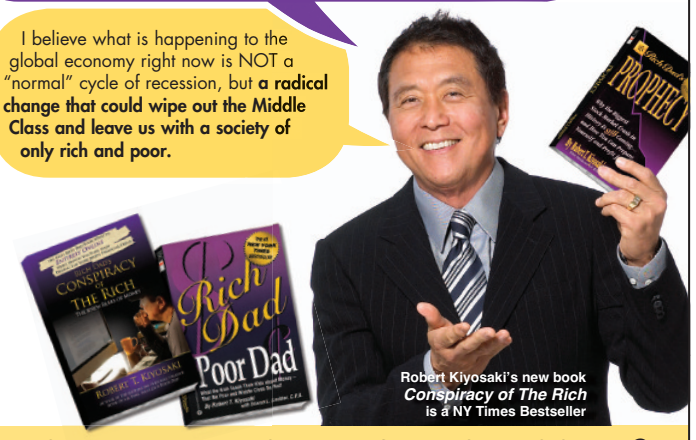

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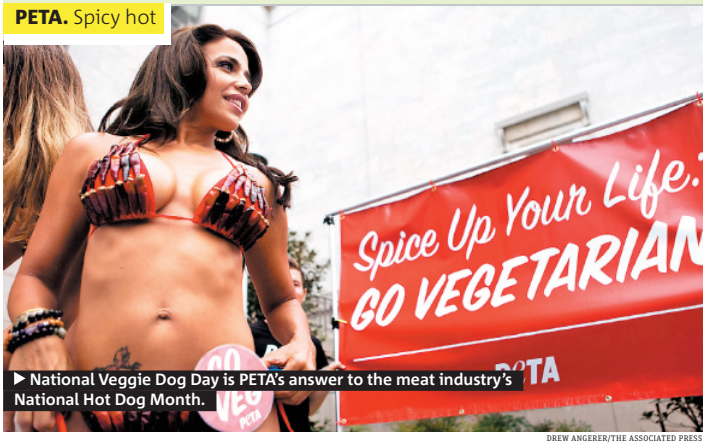

▶ National Veggie Dog Day is PETA's answer to the meat industry's National Hot Dog Month.

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Veggies have their own dog day

Model Vida Guerra wears a bikini covered in fake hot peppers yesterday as she prepares to serve veggie chili dogs to mark PETA's National Veggie Dog Day on Capitol Hill, in Washington.

iPhone fans may ignore problems

A decision by Consumer Reports against endorsing the latest iPhone because of reception problems threatens to tarnish Apple Inc.'s reputation, yet fans who have braved poor reception for years are likely to keep buying the product.

In fact, some analysts say Apple could simply ignore calls to recall the iPhone 4 or offer free cases to mitigate the problems.

People buy iPhones for emotional reasons, not because they're the best phones, said Deborah Mitchell, of the Centre for Brand and Product Management at the University of Wisconsin.

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I FEEL LIKE I'M DATING BIG BROTHER

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JOHN MAZEROLLE

I was chatting on a dating site with a friend I know from "real life." I was looking for short-term tryst(s), she wanted a girl to sleep with. "I feel like I'm shopping for humans," she wrote. And so we were.

Finding a mate online is like ordering pizza. Thin or thick? Chicago- or New York-style? Maybe a little Greek? Hold the anchovies, of course. But maybe, just for tonight, something extra saucy.

The dating landscape has changed since the previous time I was single, which was seven years ago. Specifically, it's been digitized.

I put girls in my online shopping cart and they do the same to me.

People were using their computers to date seven years ago, but it still had an underlying connotation of shame about it, especially because you had to pay for it. Now it's shameless, many sites are free, and no photo set is complete without cleavage or abs. The rack or the six-pack. Aisle 3.

"Technology has made dating less fun because all the real opportunities for disaster are gone."

Technology has made dating less fun because all the real opportunities for disaster are gone. What if you had nothing to talk about? What if you were a sexual freak and they were a Jesus freak? What if they were cute until they opened their mouths?

This made it more satisfying when you found a connection.

Now all that's figured out for you. On any given "blind" date I know my counterpart's looks, expectations, education, job, income, drinking and drug habits, religious beliefs, astrological sign, and their thoughts on kids, pets, the free-market system and whether they prefer The Simpsons or Family Guy.

Then you meet, with no discovery possible, to see if you have that "spark" — specifically, making sure they haven't gotten fat since their photos were taken.

The medium is the message. You are no more than your composite parts.

Yet I keep online dating because, hey, a bad meal is better than no meal, right? Who doesn't like pizza?

There's no going back to the old ways, even if sometimes we come close: I met recently with a woman I graduated high school with. We had an old-fashioned date, with flirting and fear, and a lifetime of "remember when" to draw upon.

I contacted her through Facebook. I'm a man of the times.

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Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Not ready for King Harper

Letters & Tweets

EDMONTON. As a country, Canada is very young. One hundred and forty-three years, under both a monarchy, and a constitutional monarchy.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II — the "Defender of the Faith" — has served us, and we have, in turn, served the monarchy well.

Yes, Prince Charles seems a rather eccentric and odd fellow, but who wouldn't be, when his sole purpose is to wait to serve.

Her Majesty is "a much-loved personage" worldwide, and therefore a very tough act to follow, on the world's stage.

The task before the Prince of Wales is daunting!

However, given the choice between Stephen Harper as President of a New Republic — and de facto "King" — I'll stick with the monarchy, albeit a constitutional monarchy.

Stephen Harper's rule, as I see it, is one of complete and utter disregard for the House of Commons — Canada's law-making body — and our 143-year-old Westminster parliament.

Harper is out of control.

His unprincipled rule, as prime minister, shows to me that he is not fit to govern Canada with a majority. **WILLIAM ARCHIE BALDWIN**

The PM and his boss

JOHN STILLWELL-POOL/GETTY IMAGES

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Noteworthy

U.S. votes to keep Avandia on market

A majority of U.S. government health experts has voted to keep the controversial diabetes pill Avandia on the market despite evidence that it increases the risk of heart attack. Panelists said the evidence wasn't strong enough to remove the drug from the market. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Metro Minute at Hog's Back Falls

Get hypnotized by the rushing waterfall near Mooney's Bay.

Officially called the Prince of Wales Falls, the site where the Rideau River splits from the Rideau Canal is probably better known to most Ottawa residents as the Hog's Back Falls.

The falls are arguably the largest urban waterfall in Canada with water dropping 12.5 metres over a rocky 600 metres. They are also a man-made phenomenon, constructed in 1831 to handle the overflow water created by the slack water locks system on the Rideau Canal. The park nearby has several benches and lookout points for enjoying the water. **TIM WIECLAWSKI**

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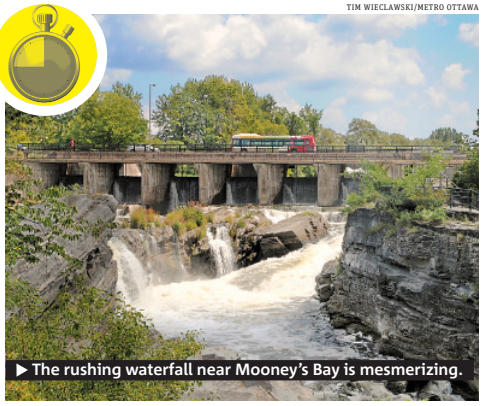

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▶ The Green Hornet, starring Canadian actor Seth Rogen (right) and Jay Chou, will be one of the highlights at next week's Comic-Con.

Nerdy Comic-Con now A-list hot spot

◐ San Diego's pop-culture party sets the buzz around upcoming films and TV shows ◐ Brangelina expected to show up at next week's event

Tron, Harry Potter, The Green Hornet, and Brangelina?

This year's Comic-Con has something for everyone, and might even be graced by Hollywood's first couple.

No longer strictly the domain of nerds and fanboys, San Diego's four-day pop-culture festival promises film and TV fodder for fans of all kinds, plus video games, toys, collectibles and costumes galore when it kicks off next week.

"I can't wait," says filmmaker Kevin Smith, an annual regular considered royalty at the convention.

"Comic-Con for me is — Muslims like to go to kneel, what is it, three times a day toward Mecca and whatnot. I do the same thing for San Diego and that massive building"

"Comic-Con is all about these shows connecting with the kids who are going to go back home and tell everyone."
TODD GOLD, FANCAST.COM

What began 40 years ago as a humble comic-book fair has grown into a barometer of cool powered by the ardent enthusiasm of more than 100,000 fans — and the Hollywood studios who want a piece of the action.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't officially on the guest list, and studio reps are staying mum about whether they'll attend.

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- **WHERE/WHEN** Wednesday, July 21, at the San Diego Convention Centre
- **MOVIES WITH BUZZ** TRON: Legacy, The Green Hornet, The Expendables, Drive Angry 3-D, RED, Scott Pilgrim vs. The World
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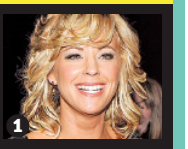

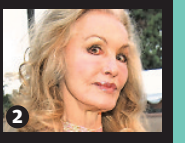

1 A lawmaker is questioning the legality of work permits for Kate Gosselin's sextuplets for the reality show Kate Plus 8.
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2 A man accused of stealing jewelry from Julie 'Catwoman' Newmar has pleaded no contest to grand theft.
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M.I.A. lost and found

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Having achieved a proper hit in 2008 with Paper Planes, appearing on the Grammys nine months pregnant with Jay-Z, T.I. and Lil Wayne, and penning a song for Christina Aguilera, M.I.A. appeared ready for bona fide stardom.

Needless to say, expectations for her third album were lofty, but it appears M.I.A.'s motives were far from any of our expectations. This past April, she unveiled Born Free, a strident blast of Suicide-assisted punk whose video took the "red-headed stepchild" threat to a whole new level.

That track was a warning shot, because /\/\/\Y/\ is abrasive, polarizing and almost impossible to love. But it's not hard to like. While her first two albums, Arular and Kala, elected her as a global ambassador for genre-mashing, /\/\/\Y/\ deconstructs that objective in favour of jarring production and paranoid chatter. Case in point is the transition from the power drill and chainsaw grind of Steppin Up to XXXO's airy dance pop. As divisive as /\/\/\Y/\ is sure to be, Rusko's Story To Be Told and both Diplo's Tell Me Why keep some semblance to what we love about her. M.I.A. has always been an incensed freedom fighter, but on /\/\/\Y/\ she's lost the composed swagger that first made her endearing to us.

Outstanding track: Tell Me Why

CAM LINDSAY

Great Big Sea
Album: Safe Upon the Shore
Label: Warner
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Whether you like their brand of celtic rock or not, you have to admit that Great Big Sea know how to write an infectious tune. On their 10th album they team up with a interesting array of co-songwriters including Russell Crowe, Randy Bachman and Joel Plaskett. The result is a strong record of incredibly catchy songs (with two covers, Zeppelin's Gallow's Pole and Kink's Have a Cuppa Tea). The music isn't as over-the-top as its been the past.

Outstanding track: Yankee Sailor

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Danger Mouse and Sparklehorse
Album: Dark Soul of the Night **Label:** EMI
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More than a year after its leak, the collaboration between Danger Mouse, David Lynch and the late Mark Linkous finally gets an official release. While the project flounders a little thanks to Danger Mouse's hackneyed beats and an inconsistent rotating cast, Linkous' role instils a heartening gravitas. That this could possibly be the last Sparklehorse recording we hear makes it hard not to savour.

Outstanding track: Daddy's Gone

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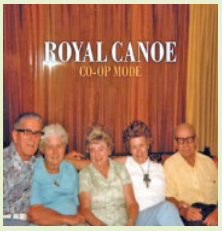

Royal Canoe
Album: Co-op Mode
Label: Head in the Sand
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When The Waking Eyes put their band on hold, I was excited. Matt Peters and Rusty Matays are talented guys, but their band's major label releases never lived up to their potential. Peters is now in the infectious pop act Royal Canoe. They cover a lot of ground here, moving from anthemic indie rock on Red House Row, electro beats on Me Loving Your Money to Beatles-like pop on Kasparov.

Outstanding track: Kasparov

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▶ Jewel wears a disguise as she performs at a karaoke bar in a scene from a video posted on FunnyOrDie.com

Jewel takes her act undercover

Disguised singer astonishes audience at karaoke bar
Belts out pitch-perfect renditions of hit songs

On a recent Monday night at a Los Angeles karaoke bar, a meek-looking woman in a business suit and glasses was coaxed on stage by her co-workers.

While the boozy crowd readied itself for four minutes of awkward singing, the woman — "Karen" — suddenly belted out exquisite, pitch-perfect renditions of the Jewel songs Who Will Save Your Soul and Foolish Games.

Astonished crowd members picked their jaws off the floor and cheered wildly. One person was heard comparing Karen to "an American Susan Boyle."

Unbeknownst to them, they had been victims of "undercover karaoke."

Karen really was Jewel, and the proceedings had been filmed by FunnyOrDie.com, the comedy video website co-founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay. The video was posted Tuesday and was rapidly circulating online, with more than 160,000 views as of evening.

"I was a bit nervous to do this skit at first because I feared it would amount to little more than showing off some vocals, dressed as someone else," Jewel said. "I was worried it wouldn't be self-effacing enough."

For the video, created by Funny or Die writer-director Eric Appel, Jewel was given a prosthetic nose, wig and glasses, and butt padding. Only after performing as Karen did Jewel return to the stage of the karaoke joint, the Gas Lite, as herself.

(Before the reveal, one audience member says to the camera: "They tell me she only sings at Christmas parties.")

Though Jewel is principally a singer-songwriter, she has acted before, most notably in the 1999 Ang Lee film Ride with the Devil. This performance was quite a bit quicker (Funny or Die contacted her just a few days before taping on June 28) and more comical.

"I love improv and this was a small chance to do that, luckily as someone else. I would love to do more of it in the future. A dream gig would be a show like Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Jewel also shot another video for Funny or Die that she says involves former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. A spokeswoman for the site said it will be released next week.

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"This did not require much, as the costume did most of the work for me." JEWEL

View the video of Jewel undercover at metronews.ca/scene

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The Hills no longer alive

MTV series bids farewell after 102 episodes Show made stars out of Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag

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▶ MTV's The Hills blurred the line between reality TV and soap opera.

The Hills, the landmark reality soap that cemented Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag and their pals as tabloid superstarlets, died Tuesday at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood. It was four.

The popular series' cause of death wasn't provided, but MTV president of programming Tony DiSanto previously called it "an organic culmination of this saga."

"I'm oddly devastated that it's come to an end," said Ben 'B-Side' Mandelker, who blogs about The Hills and its New York-set offspring The City on bsideblog.com. "My five-year goal was to appear as a sidekick on the show, ideally with a subtitle that defines me solely as the friend of someone else. Sadly, that dream never came to fruition."

After 102 installments, yet another dumb argument about whether or not The Hills is staged. I just tell people it's like professional wrestling: Don't take it so seriously, and enjoy the ride.''

"The legacy of The Hills is that it improved the visual language of reality TV."
BLOGGER ANDY DENHART

The Hills faded into the sunset Tuesday with a goodbye gala attended by the show's cast and a wink, wink twist ending in the final episode that had friends-with-benefits Kristin Cavallari and Brody Jenner seemingly saying goodbye in front of the Hollywood sign, then appearing in front of a backdrop on the Paramount Studios' lot.

"With The Hills off the air, I no longer have to field questions about the show's authenticity," said Mandelker. "I can think of about 10 different things I'd rather do than engage in

The club-hopping, music-pumping, cat-fighting, mascara-dripping, mouth-dropping, crystal-worshipping drama of The Hills debuted in 2006 as a spin-off of MTV's popular high school reality docudrama Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County. The series originally documented the journey of bubbly Laguna Beach graduate Conrad to Los Angeles.

Andy Dehnart, who has blogged about reality TV for more than 10 years at realityblurred.com, said the series' lush cinematography and phoney authenticity left a lasting impression on the medium.

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TV watch list

Welcome to the hospital

MED DRAMAS On Jada Pinkett Smith's medical drama HawthoRNe, her nurse character operates on a woman and her little boy after a car accident (Global). For a peek into a real hospital, click to Boston Med, where a trauma surgeon works on a pregnant woman who was shot in the chest. (ABC)

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Rookie going undercover

COP DRAMA Earnest Andy goes undercover as a prostitute on Rookie Blue. If that wasn't enough to earn her stripes, she also infiltrates a high-stakes gun deal to save an informant whose life was put at risk by Dov. (Global)

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Salt of the Earth

Ejiofor looking to bring a touch of reailty to his new action film

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▶ Chiwetel Ejiofor stars in the upcoming film Salt.

Chiwetel Ejiofor has quietly built a genre-defying resume any actor would envy.

In Salt, Ejiofor takes on the role of a counter-intelligence pro hot on the trail of Angelina Jolie's suspected spy.

Metro caught up with the British actor in Washington, D.C., where much of the current movie was filmed.

Have you always been a fan of this genre?
Definitely, yeah. It breaks into sort of two categories for me: I like the old-school kind of spy stuff, the John Le Carré spy stuff. But I also really enjoy the "Mission:Impossible" spies — the series as well as the films — just because of the intricacy of how everything's done, the detail of having to go back and figure out everything, and the scripts just being like little puzzles.

What stood out about Salt as a spy thriller for you?
This is taking on a kind of slightly more bureaucratic sense of the CIA, to me a kind of grounded sense of the CIA.

As opposed to the sort of — I mean, obviously, who doesn't love the Bond series? But it's different. They're people and they do a job and they're in offices with ties, and they're just sort of getting through the day.

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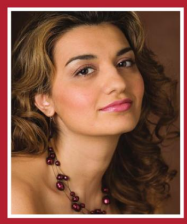
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More threatening calls to Oksana

The callers were allegedly angry over the accusations leveled against Mel Gibson

For Oksana Grigorieva, threatening phone calls sadly seem to have become a part of her life.

In the aftermath of the release three phone calls from ex-boyfriend Mel Gibson she secretly recorded, the Russian singer received multiple threatening phone calls earlier this week that "scared her to death," according to TMZ.

Police are investigating, as at least one of the calls "could be interpreted as a death threat," a source says.

The callers were allegedly upset about Grigorieva's accusations about Gibson.

Gibson is currently under investigation by Los Angeles police amid allegations he was acted violently towards ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva during what was a reported incident in January.

The investigation stems from a recording of Gibson allegedly using offensive racial language in an expletive-laden, recorded argument with his ex.

The former couple is also battling it out over visitation rights to their baby daughter, Lucia, following their split.

Gibson has yet to issue you comment on the investigation.

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AP PHOTO

▶ Might be time to change that phone number.

Bristol trying Levi on again

Levi Johnston and Bristol Palin have rekindled their romance so intensely that the pair are getting married, according to Us Weekly. Johnston says their reconciliation began three months ago when he went to visit the 19-year-old daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin to discuss custody of the couple's 18-month-old son, Tripp.

"I really thought we were over," he tells the magazine. "So when I went, I had no hope. I think we both just started talking — and then we took Tripp for a walk."

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Stamos case concluding

Prosecutors have rested their case in the trial of two people accused of plotting to extort $680,000 from actor John Stamos.

Six FBI agents testified yesterday, including specialists in computers and cellphones.

Allison Coss and Scott Sippola of Marquette are charged with conspiracy and two counts of extortion.

They're accused of demanding money from Stamos in exchange for unflattering photos.

The FBI says the pictures don't exist.

Jurors could get the case Thursday.

Defence lawyers have portrayed Stamos as a promiscuous drug user — allegations he denied while testifying.

Stamos denied defence lawyer Sarah Henderson's accusation that he stripped and sat in a hot tub with Coss, who Henderson said was 17 at the time and wearing only underclothes. Jurors were also shown a photo of Stamos with his arm around Coss.

Federal agents emphatically denied destroying evidence after a sting operation to snare the defendants.

The former Full House and ER star is now preparing to join the Fox show Glee.

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Talking points

Osbourne not concerned for LiLo jail time

BUT THEN EVERYONE LOOKS GOOD COMPARED TO OZZY. Sharon Osbourne isn't terribly concerned about Lindsay Lohan's future, and is urging the troubled starlet to keep her chin up.

"I would just tell her, 'The judge has made her decision. Take your time, don't waste the time, just learn, sit there and think and learn — and it will fly by.' She needs to be good to herself,'" Osbourne tells Contact Music.

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Neighbours buck at plans by Madonna

SHE'LL GET WHAT SHE WANTS. Madonna has run into trouble with neighbors in England's Bridgehampton, where she's been turning a recently purchased 30-acre property into a horse refuge called Wild Horses Farm, according to Page Six. When the singer tried to put up a horse fence, she received a cease-and-desist order from Suffolk County, which owns the development rights on the land.

Madonna has filed an application to complete the work.

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Celebrity tweets

Mariah Carey [@Mariah-Carey] Just now hairstylist(who shall remain nameless) abused me w/a curling iron whil trying to curl and dancing to my new song..ow. Now he's all trying to put toothpaste on it and swears its a home remedy,I'm like "Stop crying,you're NOT fired "lol

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] Joan Rivers and her "stargument" make me believe that she and Michael Lohan are a match made in heaven....

David Spade [@DavidSpade] i hate when some of these motorcycle guys swerve past me in traffic, cut me off, and pass me on a hill. then they cry when they get killed

Jeremy Piven [@jeremypiven] Opened a file on the computer and it said "your wish list is currently empty", confused i head butted the screen is that bad?

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Rihanna talks to Chris Brown

WELL, THIS WILL END WELL Rihanna is reportedly back in contact with Chris Brown, the ex-boyfriend who was convicted of assaulting her last year.

"It's been almost a year since they last spoke, but Rihanna felt like she could try to be friends with Chris again," a source tells Heat magazine.

"Seeing how emotional he was on (the BET Awards) really touched her. She'd never seen him like that before." Rihanna and Brown have reportedly spoken over the phone, but have not met up in person.

"They were each other's first love and he's missed her so much," the source says. "Rihanna knows that if she wanted him back, he'd be there in a second."

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Can't jet away this summer? Take a staycation with beachy outfits

You'll want to live in the style icon's new feminine-meets-cool girl line
Golden Globe winning actress teams with Opening Ceremony

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▶ Chloe Sevigny's new collection for Opening Ceremony features five dress styles and patterns. The shoes are a partnership with NaNa (see sidebar below).

Chloe's Clothes for real girls

Kickin' it old school

Sevigny on teaming up with '90s shoe brand NaNa:
"For the past year I've been really into the whole fierce bitch look — a lot of leather and sky-high shoes. I thought, 'Well, the dresses are all kind of girly, how can we turn these looks into a fierce bitch?' And one of the boys who works at O.C. was like, 'sky-high, baby!' So we made the shoes really high, but with sturdy heels."

TINA CHADHA
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Last month, Chloe Sevigny debuted her collection with Opening Ceremony in New York. Instead of models, Sevigny's artsy friends wore the line, which centers around five different styles of dresses in five prints.

"I love high fashion, but I can't even look at a magazine without having an anxiety attack because we all have issues with our bodies," explains Sevigny. "So for me it's really important to show the clothes on regular girls, or on myself, 'cause I'm a 35-year-old woman. I'm not 110 pounds."

Why did you pick these prints and silhouettes?
I was thinking about how girls buy the same thing over and over again. I do, all of my friends do, so I thought if you find one silhouette you like, you keep buying that dress.

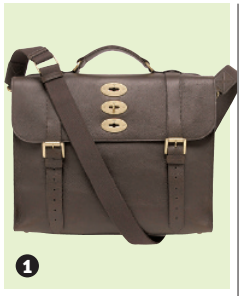
Your collaboration with O.C. is so successful — ever think about doing just a Chloe Sevigny line?
No, that seems really complicated. I've got it pretty easy right now; we get along really well. If I did a J. Lo or Sarah Jessica Parker — not that I'm knocking them, I'm sure they make a gazillion dollars, and good for them — but I don't think that I have enough brand recognition that I could go that big.

What are you coveting right now?
I'm trying to find a new pair of jeans, which I know is the ultimate quest for every woman. My ideal jean would be the Levi's that Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis wore in Thelma & Louise. (Those) Levi's makes every ass look really great. I want the Thelma & Louise ass!

The man bag

The man bag is more popular than ever. You've only got to glance at the men's spring/summer shows, or even at the number of men, who are now toting them around town, to see that.

Finally men are discovering what women have known for centuries, and that is: a) bags are practical; and b) they're a very stylish accessory — the latter being the more important of course. And here they are, the man bag in all its forms, from slouchy chic to the shoulder bag.



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"Florals add colour, they add a very fresh summery vibe to any room," says Jackie Glass of Jacqueline Glass & Associates, an interior design company based in Mississauga. "Adding a beautiful flower pillow can definitely warm up a space. It's really the same as a beautiful piece of artwork."

Choose a coordinating solid colour by matching it to the background colour of the floral print. Or pair different prints by matching the background colours of each piece — just remember not to overuse these patterns.

"In any room you want curvilinear and rectilinear shapes. Lines and curves in a room create balance from a design perspective. (Florals) soften a more austere interior. Adding a little bit of curve, say in a floral pillow, adds balance … and the room works."

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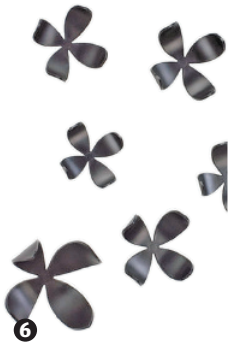
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Antique Persian botanical designs were the inspiration for this tropical-hued handstamped linen 16" x 16" pillow case. etsy.com.

6 URBAN BARN $25
Inject some life into your walls with these fun and decorative wallflowers, adhered using a tack system with flowers that snap on. urbanbarn.ca.

7 CANADIAN TIRE $7
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8 URBAN BARN $120
Nothing says summer quite like daisies. The cut-out flowers on the Daisy Shade Pendant are connected with small silver circles adding a touch of sparkle. urbanbarn.com.

INDEPENDENT ADVICE

We are taking out a private mortgage as a secondary form of financing and our lawyer who we retained has indicated that we need to obtain independent legal advice. Why do we have to go to another lawyer when we have already retained and paid for one lawyer?

The issue here is that your lawyer is representing you as well as the private lender because they are giving both parties an opinion as to the title of the property. The lawyer needs to make sure that the title is clear and there are no unusual liens or problems with the property. This is standard procedure as it does not make sense for you to hire two lawyers to do exactly the same tasks. You would end up paying for both lawyers services that would be more expensive than simple independent legal advice.

Normally, when your lawyer acts for a bank with your mortgage, you do not have to obtain independent legal advice but due to the fact that private mortgages are usually at a higher rate of interest and are often second mortgages, the Law Society of Upper Canada felt that they needed special consideration. Any private mortgage over $50,000.00 requires you to obtain the advice of an independent solicitor who will give you information with respect to the potential mortgage so that you are very clear of matters such as the specific interest rate, the term of the mortgage and whether it is closed or open.

Need a better backyard?

Create an outdoor room Expand your summer living into the backyard

DECOR MOMENT

KARL LOHNES
HOME@METRONEWS.CA

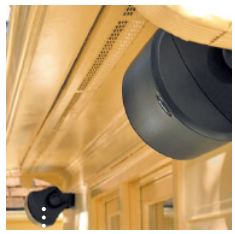
Many of us don't think of our backyard, terrace or balcony as an extension of our living space. Turning your outdoor space into another usable room such as a lounge or dining area is a great way to gain more living space during the warm weather. By following the same decorating rules for your outside room as you would the inside of your home you'll gain a great amount of extra summer living space. Here's a few pointers:

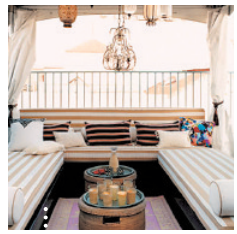
Create comforts: Choose furniture styles that would be just as comfy inside the house as out. Chairs, sofas and loungers with removable cushions tend to be comfortable than ones with wicker, resin or wrought iron seats. Use fabrics that are made specifically for outdoor use.

Add lighting: Every room needs a minimum of three types of lighting; overall, task and ambient. Overall lighting for outdoors could be wall hung lanterns or a hanging outdoor pendant light. Task lighting would be an outdoor lamp for reading or lighting up a games table and Ambient lighting simply sets a romantic tone; rope light hidden behind a fence, citronella tea lights or candled lanterns are all simple options.

Add some white noise: If you live in close proximity to neighbours, traffic or city life, then you will want to add some noise control. A trickling fountain or waterfall will help to subtly drown out neighborhood noises; all-weather cordless speakers will help to create some great background sounds.

Create privacy: Use draperies (made of outdoor fabric) to close off the sides of a porch or terrace and adding an awning overhead will enclose your outdoor room to making it feel intimate, cosy and private.





▶ If you need some backyard inspiration try some decorative accents (that add whitenoise) or pillows (that are made of outdoor fabric), top left and middle-left, bring some music outside with outdoor speakers, top middle-right, or go all out and make yourself a draped gazebo (which adds privacy), top right.

Buying time

- Note, most large retailers are starting to discount outdoor furnishings and accessories so its a great time to buy.

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Enjoy the wonders of wood at home

Wood can add natural warmth and character to any room in the house, say designers

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▶ Arranging chopped wood on a wall can be a striking display.

What's old — centuries old, even — is suddenly new again in home design. Wood, that ancient staple of interior decorating, has been getting fresh attention in every room of the house.

Designers are mixing salvaged barn doors with new synthetic flooring that looks strikingly like the real thing. At the same time, faux wood-grain wallpaper and upholstery offer a nod to nature without hiding their artificiality.

We asked Designer and HGTV host Genevieve Gorder along with fellow designers Candice Olson and Vern Yip, for some ideas of design and decor with wood:

Lumber and logs

Years ago, Olson saw an entire wall of stacked wood in a building in Europe. The image stuck with the Canadian designer. She eventually created her own variations, arranging chopped logs from fallen trees within frames that are 15 centimetres deep.

Wood walls and ceilings

Several years back, Yip drew praise for designing a room with one wall covered in planks. "Anytime you have an entire wall of one material, it's so striking," he says. It caught on. Wood flooring is now being used to cover walls and ceilings.

Wood-grain upholstery

If you are going with an impostor, these designers say go all the way. They love the cheerful fakery of wall coverings and upholstery with wood-grain patterns.

"You know a chair isn't upholstered in wood, so it turns playful," Gorder says.

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To fake or not

Given a choice between real wood and a facsimile, these designers prefer the real thing. Nothing quite replaces a true wood floor.

But for renovators on a smaller budget, laminates and synthetics can help make a huge visual change.

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▶ Hawaiian Pizza ($15 small).

Menu has a wide amount of options From Asian to Italian

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You can get it all at K&S On the Keys: from Asian cuisine to Italian, this restaurant is a family pleaser. And you get ambiance. Enjoy the exposed brick walls indoors. This upscale restaurant appeals to all sorts. Its menu is varied, offering a step up from your typical Canadian/Asian diner.

The pizza was recommended to me by a regular, and I wasn't disappointed. I ordered a small Hawaiian ($15) and enjoyed two pieces at the restaurant and two pieces for leftovers. The crust was chewy and baked nicely. And the toppings were a good ratio of ham to pineapple. My only complaint would be that the sauce was a little bland where you'd expect a bit of sweetness.

Others at the table enjoyed quesadillas ($7), hamburgers ($10), and General Tso's spicy chicken ($13). I heard rave reviews for all but the General Tso's, which lacked flavour.

When in the burbs, this is a great place to grab a bite.

K&S On the Keys
1029 Daze Rd.
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Rating: 3 / 5
Time in: 12:06 p.m.
Time out: 1:00 p.m.
Low $: Stir-fried Rice with Chicken $9
High $: Meat Lover Pizza $17

Strawberry-Cucumber Salad

▶ Light and refreshing strawberry summer salad can be side or main dish

Yields 4
Cooking: 3-5 min.

Ingredients :

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) slivered almonds
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) seedless strawberry preserves or jam
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) balsamic vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 750 ml (3 cups) diced English cucumber
- 250 ml (1 cup) sliced fresh strawberries
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Lettuce leaves for serving, such as bibb, romaine or red leaf lettuce

Preparation:

1. Place almonds in a small, dry skillet and set pan over medium heat. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes until almonds are golden brown, shaking the pan frequently to prevent burning. Set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together preserves, olive oil, balsamic vinegar and Dijon mustard. Add cucumber, strawberries, mint and toasted almonds and toss to combine. Season with salt and black pepper. Serve inside lettuce leaves or over chopped lettuce.

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4 sports

British Open: Bring an umbrella

Rain and wind played havoc with the conditions yesterday on the eve of the British Open at the Old Course.

The hard rain and cold wind led the Royal and Ancient to cancel its Champions Challenge, a four-hole exhibition with past Open champions like Lee Trevino, Gary Player, Arnold Palmer and Ben Curtis.

"I was on the range this morning and it's just brutal out there," Nick Faldo said. "It wouldn't have been entertaining for anybody."

The weather will likely be as much of a factor as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson or any of the players today when the 139th version of golf's oldest championship gets under way at St. Andrews.

"The forecast for the championship is changeable — blustery, showery conditions," Royal and Ancient chief executive Peter Dawson said. "Pretty good for links golf."

The last time the Open came to St. Andrews, there was only one round of a stiff breeze and Woods won by five shots at 14-under 274. Ten years ago on a sunbaked links, Woods set a major championship record at 19-under 269 for an eight-shot win in perfect weather.

Mike Weir is the lone Canadian entered. He tees off with Darren Clarke and Davis Love III.

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▶ Spectators watch a practice round yesterday.

Sports in brief

1 France striker Thierry Henry has joined the New York Red Bulls in a multi-year deal.

2 David Beckham wants to play soccer for Britain at the London 2012 Olympics.

3 Lionel Messi said he'd enjoy playing with Cesc Fabregas, who's being pursued by Messi's club, Barcelona.

Beer-cup snakes could be in danger. Scan code for more.

Jays buy low, sell high with shortstops

- Escobar coming to Toronto as Gonzalez traded to Braves
- Three prospects also moved

The Toronto Blue Jays' acquisition of Yunel Escobar from the Atlanta Braves for fellow shortstop Alex Gonzalez in a five-player swap yesterday appears to be a classic case of buying low and selling high.

Escobar is a wildly talented 27-year-old who appears to have fallen out of favour with the National League East leaders amid a down season. Gonzalez, on the other hand, is a 33-year-old veteran who is performing well above his career norms and was unlucky to not be named an all-star.

So Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos was able to parlay the immediate impact Gonzalez can make on a roster into a young player with huge potential upside that he'll have contractual control of through at least the 2013 season.

Numbers

- The six-foot-two, 200-pound Escobar has slipped dramatically from his brilliant 2009, when he batted .299 with 26 doubles, 14 home runs, 76 RBI and a .377 on-base percentage.
- This year he has slumped to a .238 average with 12 doubles and no homers in 75 games, something the Blue Jays are comfortable with. They feel he can return to his 2009 form.

The three prospects in the deal — Toronto gets left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes, who was optioned to double-A New Hampshire; Atlanta gets phenom lefty reliever Tim Collins and speedy infielder Tyler Pastornicky — may still swing the trade's final tally toward either team. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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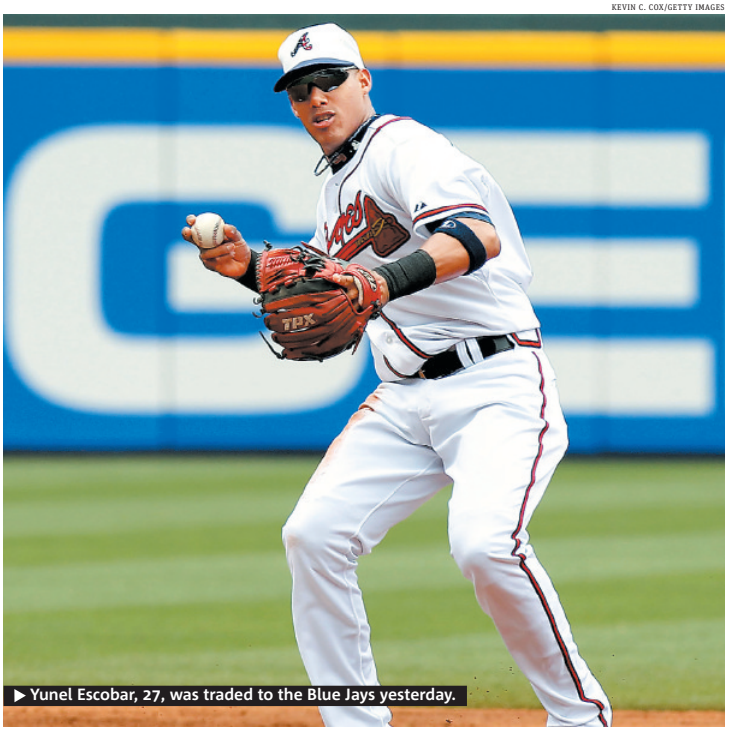

▶ Yunel Escobar, 27, was traded to the Blue Jays yesterday.

Raps complete Turkoglu deal

The Toronto Raptors have begun their remake in the wake of Chris Bosh's departure, shipping disgruntled Turkish forward Hedo Turkoglu to Phoenix.

In exchange, Toronto gets guard Leandro Barbosa and forward-centre Dwayne Jones.

The deal has been in the works for some time, as part of a complex multi-team transaction. But it ultimately came down to the Raptors and the Suns.

6 Barbosa is a six-year pro from Brazil who averaged 9.5 points a game last season in a campaign interrupted by injury.

Turkoglu leaves Toronto after an up-and-down injury-plagued season, the first in a $53-million US, five-year deal.

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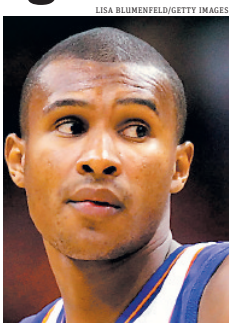

Sports in brief

Union disputes NBA forecasts

LOCKOUT. Insisting that the NBA's financial projections "strain credulity," players' association executive director Billy Hunter said yesterday he's seen nothing to change his belief that a lockout is possible. Hunter disputes commissioner David Stern's forecast of nearly $400 million US in losses this season.

Lakers are team to beat: Wade

NBA. Dwyane Wade says the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers should be the favourites heading into next season, simply because this Heat team hasn't proved anything yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Sergio Paulinho crosses the line yesterday.

Paulinho wins hilly Stage 10, Schleck still leads Tour

Sergio Paulinho of Portugal gave Team RadioShack its first success of the Tour de France by winning yesterday's 10th stage in a two-man sprint among breakaway riders as the race left the Alps.

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg retained the yellow jersey. He finished in the main pack more than 14 minutes back, alongside his biggest rivals for the title when the race ends July 25 in Paris.

It was 25-year-old Schleck's first day in yellow, and he said he noticed greater fan support on the side of the roads of southeastern France during his ride in the coveted shirt.

"My name was on some of the signs. It's nice to see that," he said, referring to handmade banners unfurled by spectators. "I'm getting popular even here in France."

Paulinho edged out Vasil Kiryienka of Belarus over the sun-baked 179-kilometre trek from Chambery to Gap featuring a single Category 1 climb — the Laffrey pass.

Paulinho pointed skyward then sucked his thumb in honour of his eight-month-old daughter after beating Kiryienka by less than a half-wheel's length at the finish. They both finished in 5:10:56. Belgium's Dries Devenyns was third, 1:29 seconds back.

Ryder Hesjedal remains 12th overall after placing 52nd in the peleton. Fellow Canadian Michael Barry finished 51st and stands 94th overall.

It was Paulinho's first individual stage win at the Tour, although he was part of the Astana squad — including Lance Armstrong and 2009 Tour winner Alberto Contador — that won the team time-trial last year.

Armstrong brought Paulinho and several other former Astana teammates to the RadioShack team, which was formed around the seven-time champion last year.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
HAMILTON TEX	85	341	59	118	.346
MICABRERA DET	83	312	64	108	.346
MORNEAU MINN	81	296	53	102	.345
BOESCH DET	65	243	34	83	.342
CANO NYY	87	342	61	115	.336
ABELTRE BOS	85	324	44	107	.330
ISUZUKI SEA	88	362	35	118	.326
DEJESUS KC	85	328	45	107	.326
BUTLER KC	87	329	44	106	.322
CRAWFORD TB	85	330	70	106	.321

RUNS - Crawford, Tampa Bay, 70; Youkilis, Boston, 67; MiCabrera, Detroit, 64; Teixeira, New York, 63; Cano, New York, 61; Jeter, New York, 60; Hamilton, Texas, 59.
RBI - MiCabrera, Detroit, 77; Guerrero, Texas, 75; ARodriguez, New York, 70; Hamilton, Texas, 64; Konerko, Chicago, 63; TorHunter, Los Angeles, 62; Longoria, Tampa Bay, 61; Quentin, Chicago, 61.

HITS - Hamilton, Texas, 118; ISuzuki, Seattle, 118; Cano, New York, 115; MYoung, Texas, 109; MiCabrera, Detroit, 108; ABeltre, Boston, 107; DeJesus, Kansas City, 107.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
PRADO ATL	87	372	61	121	.325
ETHIER LAD	70	275	43	89	.324
POLANCO PHA	62	261	39	83	.318
BYRD CHIC	87	331	47	105	.317
PAGAN NYM	80	298	46	94	.315
CGONZALEZ COL	77	325	56	102	.314
DWRIGHT NYM	87	325	52	102	.314
VOTTO CIN	84	309	59	97	.314
LONEY LAD	88	337	47	104	.309
PUJOLS STL	87	321	55	99	.308

RUNS - BPhillips, Cincinnati, 66; Prado, Atlanta, 61; Votto, Cincinnati, 59; Kemp, Los Angeles, 58; CGonzalez, Colorado, 56; Uggla, Florida, 56; Weeks, Milwaukee, 56.
RBIs - Hart, Milwaukee, 65; Howard, Philadelphia, 65; DWright, New York, 65; Pujols, St. Louis, 64; Loney, Los Angeles, 63; CYoung, Arizona, 61; Gomes, Cincinnati, 60; CGonzalez, Colorado, 60; Votto, Cincinnati, 60.

HITS - Prado, Atlanta, 121; BPhillips, Cincinnati, 108; Byrd, Chicago, 105; Loney, Los Angeles, 104; Braun, Milwaukee, 102; CGonzalez, Colorado, 102; DWright, New York, 102.

AL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	56	32	.636	-
TAMPA BAY	54	34	.614	2
BOSTON	51	37	.580	5
TORONTO	44	45	.494	12.5
BALTIMORE	29	59	.330	27

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	49	38	.563	-
DETROIT	48	38	.558	.5
MINNESOTA	46	42	.523	3.5
KANSAS CITY	39	49	.443	10.5
CLEVELAND	34	54	.386	15.5

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	50	38	.568	-
LOS ANGELES	47	44	.516	4.5
OAKLAND	43	46	.483	7.5
SEATTLE	35	53	.398	15

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	52	36	.591	-
NEW YORK	48	40	.545	4
PHILADELPHIA	47	40	.540	4.5
FLORIDA	42	46	.477	10
WASHINGTON	39	50	.438	13.5

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	49	41	.544	-
ST. LOUIS	47	41	.534	1
MILWAUKEE	40	49	.449	8.5
CHICAGO	39	50	.438	9.5
HOUSTON	36	53	.404	12.5
PITTSBURGH	30	58	.341	18

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	51	37	.580	-
COLORADO	49	39	.557	2
LOS ANGELES	49	39	.557	2
SAN FRANCISCO	47	41	.534	4
ARIZONA	34	55	.382	17.5

TRANSACTIONS

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS-Promoted INF Dustin Ackley, LHP Edward Paredes and RHP Anthony Varvaro to Tacoma (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Acquired SS Yunel Escobar and LHP Jo-Jo Reyes from Atlanta Braves for SS Alex Gonzalez, LHP Tim Collins and INF Tyler Pastronicky. Designated RHP Ronald Uviedo for assignment.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES-Claimed OF Quintin Berry off waivers from Philadelphia (NL) and optioned him to San Antonio (Texas).

NHL

EDMONTON OILERS-Re-signed F J.F. Jacques to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD-Signed C Joel Broda to a three-year contract. Re-signed G Josh Harding to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS-Agreed to terms with F Brodie Dupont.
PHOENIX COYOTES-Named Ray Edwards coach and Jeff Truitt assistant coach of San Antonio Rampage (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS-Named Vinny Ferraiuolo assistant equipment manager.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS-Signed F Marcel Mueller to a two-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS-Signed RW Brian Willsie to a one-year contract.

NBA

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS-Signed G Kyle Lowry to an offer sheet.
INDIANA PACERS-Named Clark Kellogg vice president for player relations.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS-Agreed to terms with G Derek Fisher.
NEW JERSEY NETS-Named Billy King general manager. Signed G Jordan Farmer, F Travis Outlaw and C Johan Petro.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS-Signed G Evan Turner.

PHOENIX SUNS-Acquired F-G Josh Childress from Atlanta for a 2012 second-round draft pick. Acquired F Hedo Turkoglu from Toronto for G Leandro Barbosa and F Dwayne Jones.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
TORONTO	3	2	1	0	79	88	4
MONTREAL	2	1	1	0	84	77	2
WINNIPEG	2	1	1	0	83	65	2
HAMILTON	2	0	2	0	51	72	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
SASK.	2	2	0	0	91	69	4
CALGARY	3	2	1	0	77	65	4
B.C.	2	1	1	0	43	47	2
EDMONTON	2	0	2	0	33	58	0

Yesterday's results

Toronto 27 Calgary 24

Friday's games

Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Montreal at B.C., 10 p.m.

Saturday's game

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

MLS

EAST CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
COLUMBUS	14	8	2	4	20	12	28
NEW YORK	15	8	5	2	18	17	26
TORONTO FC	14	6	4	4	17	15	22
CHICAGO	14	4	5	5	18	19	17
N.ENGLAND	15	4	9	2	15	26	14
KANSAS CITY	14	3	8	3	11	19	12
D.C. UNITED	15	3	9	3	11	25	12
PHILA.	13	3	8	2	16	25	11

WEST CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
LOS ANGELES	16	11	2	3	25	7	36
SALT LAKE	15	9	3	3	28	11	30
SAN JOSE	14	6	4	4	18	16	22
COLORADO	14	6	4	4	16	13	22
FC DALLAS	14	5	2	7	17	13	22
HOUSTON	16	5	7	4	21	22	19
SEATTLE	16	4	8	4	17	24	16
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PIERCE SIGNING PAYING OFF FOR BLUE BOMBERS

A handful of quarterback-needy CFL teams avoided Buck Pierce in the off-season much like a fleet-footed quarterback dodges an angry pass rush.

Who can blame them? Pierce has a history of injuries including career-threatening concussions, so signing the free agent pivot was an obvious risk. Winnipeg took a shot and, at least for now, the move has been brilliant for the Bombers.

The former Lion rushed for 103 yards on seven carries against Toronto last week and through two games Pierce has 192 rushing yards, fifth-best in the league, and more than three starting tailbacks.

He has posted career rushing highs in two straight games and has the best average in the CFL (14.8 yards). It's exciting to watch, but considering Pierce's fragile history, you have to cringe every time hefty defensive linemen zero in for the tackle.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Through two weeks of CFL action we've seen a kickoff return for a touchdown, two punt returns taken to the house and three missed field goal attempts run all the way back for TDs.

Six return majors in eight games may be attributed to the five new special teams coaches new to their assignments this season.

Three teams that have allowed majors on either punts, kickoffs or missed field goals all have first-year co-ordinators.

ESKIMOS

Winless in two starts and looking up from the bottom of the CFL West standings, the Edmonton Eskimos are in for more trouble in Week 3 in Regina against the undefeated Roughriders.

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▶ Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback Buck Pierce faces pressure from Toronto Argonauts' Kevin Huntley during Friday's game.

But the Eskimos won twice at Mosaic Stadium last season and a return there might just be what the team needs to dig itself out of a hole. The Esks won 38-33 and 31-27 in Regina in 2009.

RETRO UNIFORMS

The Eskimos are hoping to break their retro uniform jinx by going back to the year they won their fourth Grey Cup.

On Aug. 6, the Eskies will play host to the Toronto Argonauts wearing uniforms styled after those worn in 1975 by the club that defeated Montreal for the Grey Cup.

Last year, the Eskimos lost all three games they played in retro uniforms.

Rangers sit atop AL West

Texas triumphing despite year of uncertainty Club holds largest divisional lead in baseball

The Texas Rangers are in bankruptcy and up for auction. They went into the all-star break after being swept at home by the worst team in the majors.

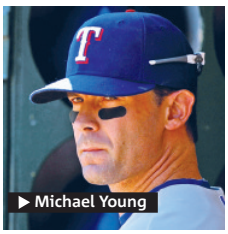
No longer is it a certainty that Nolan Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher and team president, will become a co-owner.

And yet the Rangers are having arguably their best season ever. On the field.

Even with the off-field drama and that ugly four-game series last weekend against Baltimore, the Rangers (50-38) are 4½ games ahead of the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West. That is the largest lead in any of baseball's six divisions coming out of the break.

"I've been through every possible twist and turn," said Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger in his 10th season. "A lot of unknowns and a couple of rebuilding processes, and now here we are. It's just time to go on the field, be loose and have some fun."

Texas opens a four-game series at Boston today, then goes to Cleveland before coming home to play the Angels.



▶ Michael Young

The 50-year-old franchise, which moved from Washington to Texas in 1972, has never won a playoff series. The Rangers have had only two winning seasons since their last playoff appearance in 1999.

Ryan before the season said he expected the Rangers to win at least 92 games.

Texas is on pace to win at least 98, and now has coveted all-star left-hander Cliff Lee in the starting rotation.

"Now it's on us. It's on us," Washington said, repeating with emphasis. "I don't think we can cry for anything else. ... There were expectations on us. Now there's really expectations on us."

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Sports in brief

Rockets match Cavs' offer for Lowry

NBA. The Cavaliers have been rejected again. The team's attempt to sign free agent Kyle Lowry was rebuffed yesterday when the Houston Rockets matched Cleveland's offer sheet to the veteran point guard. Cleveland's package was a $24-million US, three-year deal with a fourth option year, but Rockets general manager Daryl Morey wasted no time in making a counteroffer.

Argentina hopes to retain Maradona

SOCCER. The Argentine Football Association says it will offer Diego Maradona a new four-year contract that would keep him in charge of the national team through the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Childress to Suns

NBA. Josh Childress returned to the NBA with a five-year contract yesterday when the revamping Phoenix Suns acquired him in a sign-and-trade deal that sent a 2012 second-round draft pick to Atlanta.

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Harrington heading to Denver

Question now becomes will Anthony accept extension?

The Denver Nuggets got their big man. Now, will they keep their star?

Free agent power forward Al Harrington says he's headed to the Nuggets, who are in dire need of frontcourt help with Kenyon Martin, Chris Andersen and Nene coming off leg injuries.

Now it appears the ball is in all-star Carmelo Anthony's frontcourt.

Anthony, who is on his honeymoon after marrying television personality LaLa Vazquez in New York over the weekend, is mulling a $65-million US, three-year contract extension that would keep him in Denver through 2015.

Anthony has said he wanted to see the team bolster its frontcourt, a sentiment shared by the front office, which failed to get back into the draft last month to draft a big man and then was unsuccessful in its pursuits of free agents Jermaine O'Neal, who went to Boston, and Udonis Haslem, who stayed in Miami.

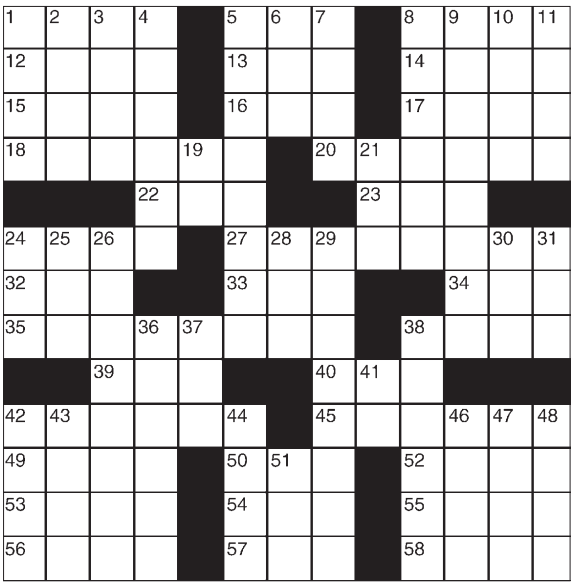
Numbers

- Harrington would make about $5.8 million next year and more than $33 million over the next five years.
- Standing at six-foot-nine, Harrington averaged 17.7 points and 5.6 rebounds last season.
- One of his best games was in Denver on Nov. 27, when he scored 41, but Anthony had 50 in the Nuggets' 128-125 win.

If Anthony rejects the Nuggets' extension, he would be the headliner of the 2011 free agent class a year after LeBron James and Chris Bosh took their talents to South Beach to play with Dwyane Wade and the Heat.

At the NBA finals last month, Anthony said he would like to see the Nuggets add some talent to the roster following their first-round flop in the playoffs a year after reaching the Western Conference finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crossword



Across

1 "I," in Morse code
5 Carte lead-in
8 Unaltered
12 Division word
13 Cranberry territory
14 Ski lift type
15 Ignore
16 Seek damages
17 Venomous vipers
18 Lacks the skills to
20 Loathe
22 CBS newsman Bob
23 Sprint
24 Bedouin
27 Almond liqueur
32 Tavern
33 Corn holder
34 Wet wiggler
35 Break periods
38 Nourish
39 Dove's call
40 Hooter
42 East
45 Deli sandwich
49 History
50 Recede
52 No. 1 choice, for short
53 Cold War initials
54 Exist
55 Took off
56 Fix, in a sense
57 Frenzied
58 Longings

Down

1 Record
2 "— Karenina"
3 Dazzle
4 Rub elbows
5 Theoretical
6 "Skip to My —"
7 On in years
8 Sculpture
9 Missing person?
10 Navigator's stack
11 Once, once
19 Either- —
21 Blunder
24 Spring mo.
25 Regret
26 Graph coordinate
28 Larry's pal
29 Soaked up
30 Ball holder
31 See 7-Down
36 Verse
37 Charged bit
38 Superficial
41 Lindbergh book
42 Piece of work
43 Grate
44 Squad
46 Cotton quantity
47 Squared
48 Information
51 Support of a sort

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	9		8	7	5		3	
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		8				5		
3	1		2		6		7	5
				3				
6	5		4		8		2	9
		2				6		
9								2
	6		7	2	9		1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	5	6	4	8	1	3	7	2
3	7	1	2	6	5	9	4	8
2	8	4	9	7	3	5	1	6
7	9	2	6	4	8	1	3	5
6	1	5	3	2	7	8	9	4
8	4	3	5	1	9	2	6	7
4	6	9	1	5	2	7	8	3
5	3	8	7	9	4	6	2	1
1	2	7	8	3	6	4	5	9

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ALINA

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<3 ALEX

Oh, Mary. Thanks for being a marvelous cousin! I love you mucho.
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Don't bother sticking to a rigid plan of action because it will severely limit your options. In fact it might be best if you had no plan at all. Take life as it comes.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 You make your share of mistakes but unlike some people you are not afraid to admit it. While others are still trying to deny they made a wrong turning today you will be retracing your steps and then getting it right.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The only thing that matters today is that you follow your instincts and follow to the letter what your inner voice tells you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Bring your thoughts down to earth and start looking at ways you can make your life more secure financially. Grand ideas and plans can be fun but you have to pay the bills.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Your confidence may be a bit low but other aspects promise that your potential is unlimited, so stop feeling sorry for yourself and start doing the things you are good at. Get creative.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Virgos are more sensitive to what goes on in the world around them than they like to let on and you will notice things today that others have missed. If you are smart and quick you can make it pay. Start now.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You like to be helpful, and you are no stranger to putting yourself out for other people, but there are limits and what someone asks you to do today can and must be refused.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You know what you want and you know how to get it, but you may have to wait until the 22nd before the opportunity arises. That's okay. You're patient.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Speak from the heart and let everyone know how you feel. Some people may not like your candid comments but only because they know they are true (and make them look bad). Call it as you see it, and call it loud.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You have allowed certain issues to slide and if you don't get on top of them quickly they may be out of your control for good. Chances are you have relied too heavily on others to make decisions for you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't try to keep your thoughts to yourself today because others will know in an instant that you are trying to hide something.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Something isn't working and needs to be changed. You know what that something is and you know you have put it off too many times already. Get tough with yourself.
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